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SUBJE: JAPANESE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH USSR

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1. FOLLOWING RECENT COMMENTS BY JAPANESE COUNSELOR CHIBA ON NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH USSR AND JAPANESE CONCERN ABOUT US COMPETITION MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES.

2. WITH REGARD TO TYUMEN OIL, CHIBA STATED THAT JAPANESE HOPE TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON GENERAL AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW IN JULY. JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY OVERSEAS PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY ( OPDC) OFFICIAL MAZAKO, WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH PROJECT FROM BEGINNING.

3. REGARDING YAKUTSK GAS, CHIBA ADMITTED THAT " AMERICANS ASTONISHED US ALL" WITH EL PASO- OCCIDENTAL AGREEMENT BUT  
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ADDED THAT " AFTER DUST HAD SETTLED SITUATION WAS NOT AS BAD AS IT HAD FIRST LOOKED." HE MENTIONED THAT HIROSHI ANZAI HAD MET WITH SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER OSIPOV IN MID- JUNE AND HAD BEEN REASSURED BY HIM THAT AGREEMENT WITH HAMMER WAS FRAMEWORK ARRANGEMENT ONLY, AND THAT JAPANESE WERE STILL IN YAKUTIYA GAS PROJECT. HE STATED OSIPOV WILL VISIT TOKYO EARLY IN JULY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON DETAILS OF PROJECT, AND THAT JAPANESE EXPECT PROGRESS IN THESE TALKS.

4. CHIBA STATED JAPANESE ALSO STUDYING COAL PROJECT IN YAKUTIYA, AND EXPECT GROUP OF EXPERTS TO VISIT USSR LATE JUNE FOR TALKS ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PROJECT. JAPANESE ARE INTERESTED IN QUALITY OF COAL, AND IF SATISFACTORY ARE PREPARED TO FURNISH CAPITAL AND TO ASSIST IN EXPLORATION FOR AND TRANSPORTATION OF COAL ( BUT NOT ITS EXTRACTION).

5. CHIBA ALSO NOTED THAT ON JUNE 8 JAPANESE HAD SIGNED \$30 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COAL BERTH AT WRANGEL UNDER 1970 PORT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. CAPACITY OF BERTH IS TO BE 5 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY, WITH JAPANESE PERFORMING ALL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION WORK, EXCEPT LABOR. CHIBA COMMENTED WITH OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO RECENT HIGHT VOLUME OF US-SOVIET COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND NEGOTIATIONS THAT WRANGEL CONTRACT WAS " PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO US AFTER SO MANY MONTHS IN THE WILDERNESS".

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